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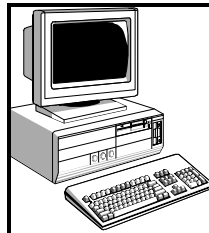
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NEED ASSISTANCE CALL:

School Meals Program	(517) 373-3347
Food Distribution	(517) 373-8642
Fiscal Reporting	(517) 373-2077
Child Care Food Program	(517) 373-7391
Fax Number	(517) 373-4022





Regulatory Issues

Categorical State Aid for the School Lunch Program (Section 31d)

Prior to FY 2001, Section 31d of the State Aid Act was used exclusively to ensure that all K-12 public school districts were reimbursed for 6.0127% of the cost of mandated school lunch programs from state sources. The payments made under 31d were in addition to other lunch related payments made under the Department of Education budget (state supplemental lunch payment - 5 & 2) and the up-to-\$10-per-eligible-pupil amount paid under Section 31a(5) At-Risk Pupils of the State Aid Act. Beginning in FY 2001, those separate amounts are folded into the allocations in 31d, providing the amount sufficient to meet the 6.0127% reimbursement rate from this single source. New language also allows that payments to ISD's and other eligible entities (other than K-12 public school districts) may be paid on a schedule determined by the Department of Education that is different than the standard payment schedule described in Section 17b of the State Aid Act.

Beginning October 20, 2000 each eligible K-12 public school district (including non K-12 eligible public schools) will receive an estimated payment equal to 1/11 of their estimated total allocation for FY-2001. Non K-12 eligible public school allocations include estimated payments for the State Lunch Supplemental Payment (5 & 2), plus the up-to-\$10-per-eligible-pupil payment. K-12 public school district allocations are based on same estimates for Non K-12 eligible public schools PLUS the

adjustment factor required to ensure that each K-12 public school district receives 6.0127% of their mandated lunch expenses from state sources. Adjustments for FY 2001 will occur after the department has received all expenditure reports including the annual school meals cost report and Form B. The 5 & 2, state lunch supplemental will no longer be paid as a separate payment since it has been folded in the 31d payment process. At this point in time, School Breakfast will remain as a separate payment.

Your October 20, 2000 state aid payment will also show "below the line" prior year adjustments for FY 1999. These adjustments reflect the difference between estimated payments for FY 1999 and actual reported mandated lunch expenditures as reported on the Annual School Meals Cost Report (SM-4012A) and the Form B report. Adjustments to FY 2000 will begin to appear as "below the line" adjustments on your state aid report just as soon as Form B data is finalized (no earlier than February 2001).

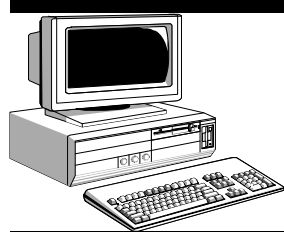
State Payments

State funds are appropriated each year in order to make supplemental state payments to eligible participants in the national school lunch and breakfast programs. These payments are issued in the fall, after all claims for the previous school year have been processed. Typically, three separate state payments have been issued. The first payment is referred to as the **"5 & 2", or Supplemental Free and Reduced Lunch Payment**. Public school districts receive up to \$0.05 for each free lunch and up to \$0.02 for each reduced price lunch served during the prior school year based on their reported per meal cost. This is required pursuant to the lunch mandate. This payment has already been made. The second state payment is the **Supplemental**

Breakfast Payment. This payment is also required due to the breakfast mandate and will be forthcoming in the near future. In past years, after these first two payments were allocated, any remaining funds were distributed to all eligible National School Lunch Program participants. This third payment was the **“State Match.” Unfortunately, the State Match payment will not be made this year** as the entire appropriation was required for the Supplemental Lunch and Breakfast payments.

MEIS UPDATE

The security system “merge” for MEIS users of



MEIS Updates

the SM-4012-SL claim form has presented problems for many users attempting to enter their claim data. The process of converting former logins and passwords to the new MEIS Account did not proceed as smoothly as anticipated. We apologize for all the confusion and frustration this has generated. The best laid plans do not always materialize as envisioned.

At this time, most districts have either gained access or have been contacted by the Helpdesk or by our office. We are continuing to offer assistance as quickly as possible and are answering calls in order of their being received.

If you prefer not to attempt the “merge” process, please go to: <http://www.meis.mde.state.mi.us> and print a

copy of the SM-4012-SL Security Agreement form (listed under the current claim year of Oct 1999-Sept 2000). Then, click on the **MEIS User Management** link which is located at the top right hand side of the screen which will take you to the User Management System. There you will click on the **Create an MEIS Account** link on the left hand side in the pink box. Follow the steps and enter the data requested to obtain an MEIS Account. Be sure to print the final screen which lists your MEIS Account, Login and Password. Enter the MEIS Account number on the proper line (Step 4) on the Security form and FAX it to (517) 373-4022. Access will be granted within 48 hours.

Please Note: The right to certify a claim can only be granted to a school district employee. A Food Service Management Company employee must not be listed on the Security Agreement Form. They may only be granted rights to read or enter data, but may not certify claim data.

No Statewide Training Classes In Your Area?????

Host a Class!

Follow the 6 easy steps below to host a class in your area:

1. Decide what class you want to host.
 - ▶ A list of available classes is listed in the Statewide Training directory that all foodservice directors receive an updated copy every Fall.
 - ▶ Ask your employees what classes they are interested in.
 - ▶ Call other districts to see what their training needs are.
2. Find a location
 - ▶ Ask your school if you can use a

classroom/cafeteria/meeting room that would be comfortable for adults.

additional information.

3. Find an instructor

- ▶ Check the Statewide Training directory for the list of classes and instructor's names and phone numbers.
- ▶ Set the times and dates for the class with your instructor.

4. Call the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) 517-373-3347

- ▶ Be prepared to give all your class information to Jane or Linda at the office. They need the information at least 2 weeks prior to the start of class. They will then publish it in the Food Scoop as well as handle all registrations and mail out class materials.

5. Call the districts in your area to let them know you have a class coming up and to register through MDE.

6. Check Food Scoop for registration forms and register your staff who are interested before the deadline.

CHANGING THE SCENE Update:

Remember the form included with the August Food Scoop that you may have filled out to get a free copy of *Changing The Scene*? In case you are wondering when that nifty kit from Team Nutrition to help you make improvements in the nutrition environment will be arriving, let us give you an update.

We have been notified that *Changing the Scene* has experienced production delays. It is now estimated that it will be available in November. The orders will be filled as soon as it is out in print. We will keep you posted if we receive

<div>October, 2000</div> <div>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</div> <div>CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM</div>		<div>Michigan State Board of Education</div> <div>Dorothy Beardmore, President</div> <div>Kathleen N. Straus, Vice President</div> <div>Herbert S. Moyer, Secretary</div> <div>Sharon Wise, Treasurer</div> <div>Sharon L. Gire</div> <div>Marianne Yared McGuire</div> <div>Michael David Warren Jr.</div> <div>Eileen L. Weiseer</div> <div>Arthur E. Ellis, Superintendent</div> <div>Governor John Engler, Ex-Officio</div>
October, 2000		
10	September Monthly Claim Due	
9-13	National School Lunch Week	
24-27	Annual School Food Service Directors Conference - Shanty Creek	
30	Cut-off for August Monthly Claim	
31	Count Free and Reduced Applications to Determine Verification Sample Size	
November, 2000		
10	October Monthly Claim Due	
30	Cut-off for August Monthly Claim	

STATEWIDE TRAINING PROGRAM CLASS SCHEDULE 2000

**NOTE: All registrations must be in the MDE office before the deadline dates--
registrations received after the deadline dates will be returned!**

BASICS - 100

Fee: Member \$18.00 and Non-Member \$25.00

Location

Mio-AuSable Schools
1110 West 8th Street
Mio, MI 48647
Deadline: October 19, 2000

DatesTimes

November 2-3, 2000 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (2nd)
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (3rd)

PRINCIPLES OF FOOD PREP - 150

Prerequisite: Sanitation & Safety - 120

Fee: Member \$18.00 and Non-Member \$25.00

Each participant must bring a calculator to class.

Location

Columbia Central High School
11775 Hewitt Road
Brooklyn, MI 49230
Deadline: October 17, 2000

DatesTimes

October 31, 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
November 6, 7, 2000

Southfield Public Schools
(Lathrup High School)
19301 West 12 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034
Deadline: October 18, 2000

November 1, 9, 16, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
30, 2000

NUTRITION I - 180

Fee: Member \$18.00 and Non-Member \$25.00

Location

Kalamazoo RESA
1819 East Milham Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49002
Deadline: September 28, 2000

DatesTimes

October 12, 17, 19, 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
November 2, 2000

MICHIGAN'S HEALTHY EDGE 2001 - 280
Fee: Member \$18.00 and Non-Member \$25.00

Location

West Bloomfield High School
4925 Orchard Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48323
Deadline: October 16, 2000

DatesTimes

October 30, 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
November 2, 6, 8, 2000

